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First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio

Honorable Patricia Clancy
Ohio Senate
Senate Office Building
Columbus OH 43215

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Dear Senator Clancy:

The First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio—representing 18 jurisdictions and 149,000 Hamilton County residents—respectfully requests that you will consider co-sponsoring the State Investment Tax Credit Bill proposed by Senator Kirk Schuring. This tax credit will encourage private investment in historic properties, generate additional jobs, and stimulate economic development by creating a 25% tax credit for restoration of historic buildings.

A primary goal of First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio is to promote revitalization of mature, built-out communities in Hamilton County. The State Investment Tax Credit Bill will be a valuable tool for our efforts by providing financial incentives for reinvestment in older communities. Reuse of Ohio's historic buildings and revitalization of older neighborhoods is an important economic development opportunity and a vital link to our past.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Blomberg
Chair